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SUBJ: ARMENIAN CHARGES TURKISH MISTREATMENT

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1. SENSATIONALIST NEWSPAPER GUNAYDIN REPORTS THAT ARMENIAN, WHO WAS ARRESTED IN TURKEY ON SUSPICION OF TERRORISTIC ACTIVITY LAST YEAR, HAS CHARGED MISTREATMENT WHILE IN TURKISH PRISON. KEVORK ORFALYAN, ARMENIAN-ORIGIN ITALIAN RESIDENT OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY, WAS PICKED UP IN SEPTEMBER 1977, SHORTLY AFTER HE ENTERED TURKEY, AND WAS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE SEPARATISM. AFTER BEING RELEASED ON BOND, HE WAS EVENTUALLY ACQUITTED OF CHARGE IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR AND EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY (REFTEL).

2. IN STATEMENT TO GREEK NEWSPAPER TA NEA, ORFALYAN REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS TORTURED AND RAPED WHILE IMPRISONED IN TURKEY. GUNAYDIN ARTICLE RECALLS THAT WHEN ORFALYAN WAS CLEARED OF CHARGES HE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE FOR HIS STATEMENTS PRAISING TURKEY AND TURKISH SYSTEM OF JUSTICE.

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